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Above:
Satan Inspiring the World
By Master Surrealist Bienvenido Bones Banez

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By Terrance Lindall

In creating the show Brave Destiny in in September 2003 in cooperation with the London's Society for Art of the Imagination, I also, ultimately wanted to take a look at what the living and working surrealist/visionary/fantastic artist are thinking and doing in context of the past, especially since Breton.

I went back to Breton's **Le Manefeste du Surrealisme of 1924** to look at the definition - "pure psychic automatism by which it is intended to express, either verbally or in writing, the true function of thought. Thought dictated in the absence of all control exerted by reason, and outside of all moral preoccupation's.'

As applied to the plastic arts, it would mean the creation of works of art dissociated from attempts to represent anything, involving more the pure free action of the hands without hindrance of thought. In other words, the purest form of surrealism would be abstract expressionism!

Clement Greenberg said in the Edmonton interview in 1991: " . The abstract painters took their Surrealism from Miro and Masson. Not from... and that seemed a liberty for them. And then they didn't paint like Surrealists. But, oh, automatic writing, oh sure. You start off free with a scribble and a few marks... you got started from that. And that was a Surrealist method.They wanted to invent and so they would sit down, a Gorky did, and do Picasso. That's putting them down, because when Gorky did Picasso it turns out he did some damn good stuff. Automatic writing, automatic painting became almost a matter of course in New York on 8th Street at the end of the '30s. It was a way of working up invention, as it were, without worrying about figuration, representation, or symbols -- whatever. The Surrealists were a great encouragement in that respect."

Bretion, was most interested in the dream state. He considered Freud's ventures into interpretation of and the importance of dreams a great new science. Freud's influence over psychology

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